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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged above normal, with warm weather during the first four days of the week and seasonable thereafter. Light to moderate showers fell over the week-end. The first four days were sunny, with rather low humidity, and considerable drying wind.

CROPS Field work continues behind schedule, although rapid progress was made over much of the state last week as farmers pushed ahead with seeding, disking, fertilizing, and other field tasks. Over half of the oats and barley acreage was planted during the week and considerable field preparation work for the later planted crops was done. At the end of last week, a little under two-thirds of the oats and barley was seeded. Normally, better than four-fifths of these crops are planted. The small acreage of spring wheat was about half planted. Progress in preparing land and seeding spring grains was slowest in some southcentral and southwestern counties, as well as several central sections where saturated soils have been slow to dry. Many eastern counties have finished oats and barley planting, but another week of clear weather is needed before the job is completed in the state. Sugar beet planting got underway in the western irrigated areas and some central sections. Here and there, an occasional field of 1957 corn or sorghums was being harvested. Winter wheat made excellent progress, growing rank with the abundant moisture supply and warmer weather. Rye fields were offering plentiful pasturage and winter barley seemed to have suffered only light acreage losses through the winter and early spring. Alfalfa and eastern pastures made good progress last week, being reported in good to excellent condition. Prospects for grass and hay crops are promising, but grass is late in some sections.

LIVESTOCK Warmer, dry weather was favorable for livestock, especially range cattle and new-born calves in areas where cold, wet conditions have prevailed. Dry feed-lots were welcome also and feed-lot cattle are getting back to desirable rates of gain. Commercial feeding is on a lower level than three months ago, but farmer-feeders have moved many cattle from corn and sorghum fields into the feed-lots and have a larger inventory on feed than in January or a year ago. The weather was favorable for milk and egg production.

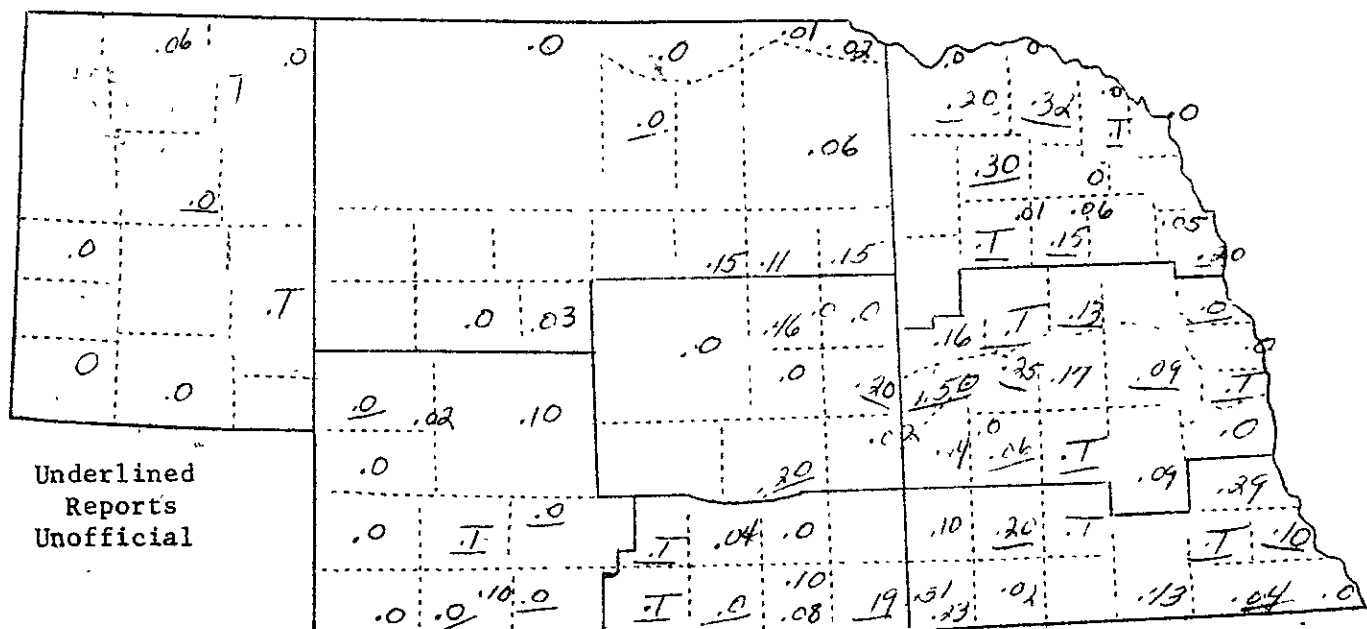
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1958

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.13	Burwell .11	Chadron .10
Lincoln	.11	North Platte .10	Imperial .48
Norfolk	.27	Valentine .20	Scottsbluff .06
Omaha	.56		Sidney 0
Sioux City	.12		

Precipitation, April 1 - 18, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	Cen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.01	.05	.02	.08	.08	.03	.07	.15
Total Since April 1	1.09	1.61	2.34	1.63	1.66	.91	.92	1.11
Long-Time Avg. Since April 1	1.08	1.15	1.35	1.18	1.29	1.10	1.20	1.40

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1958



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		April 15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	76	38	75	44	85	39	68	50	64	40	54	33	67	42
	Scottsbluff	74	37	75	37	84	46	69	42	67	42	63	31	72	38
	Sidney	71	41	69	37	81	44	67	39	69	35	66	29	71	37
NC	Burwell	70	39	75	45	--	51	--	--	--	--	65	32	--	--
	Valentine	76	44	74	47	90	50	68	43	73	35	65	32	71	45
NE	Norfolk	68	43	74	47	81	59	77	45	74	45	61	38	67	48
	Sioux City	68	43	77	46	82	60	78	47	77	50	62	41	69	48
Cen	Grand Island	66	41	74	50	80	58	79	46	69	42	63	38	70	44
EC	Lincoln	68	45	73	50	79	57	82	50	72	54	72	43	69	53
	Omaha	67	40	72	47	79	54	81	49	75	52	61	43	76	50
SW	Imperial	70	37	74	36	84	39	74	42	76	37	70	33	75	41
	North Platte	69	35	74	42	84	47	72	48	72	36	65	34	74	41

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